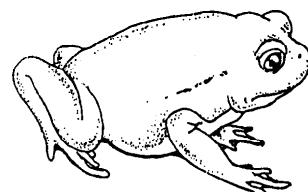


Identification Notes for wildlife law enforcement

CATEGORY:	AMPHIBIAN
Scientific Name/s:	<i>Dyscophus antongili</i> <i>D. guineti</i> <i>D. insularis</i>
	<i>D. quinquelineatus</i> (= <i>D. insularis</i>)
	<i>D. beloensis</i> (= <i>D. insularis</i>)
	<i>D. grandidieri</i> (= <i>D. insularis</i>)
Common Name/s:	Tomato Frog

PROBLEM: Bright red Tomato Frogs (*Dyscophus* sp.) from Madagascar are popular in the pet trade. *Dyscophus antongili*, is listed in CITES Appendix I and maybe mixed with shipments of *D. insularis* and *D. guineti*, which are not listed. The scientific names *D. beloensis*, *D. grandidieri* and *D. quinquelineatus* are obsolete names for *D. insularis* but still sometimes used in the trade. *Dyscophus* may also be spelled *Discophorus*.

Tomato Frog, *Dyscophus* sp.



Inner toe
Distance from toe tip
to tubercle tip
Metatarsal
tubercle length

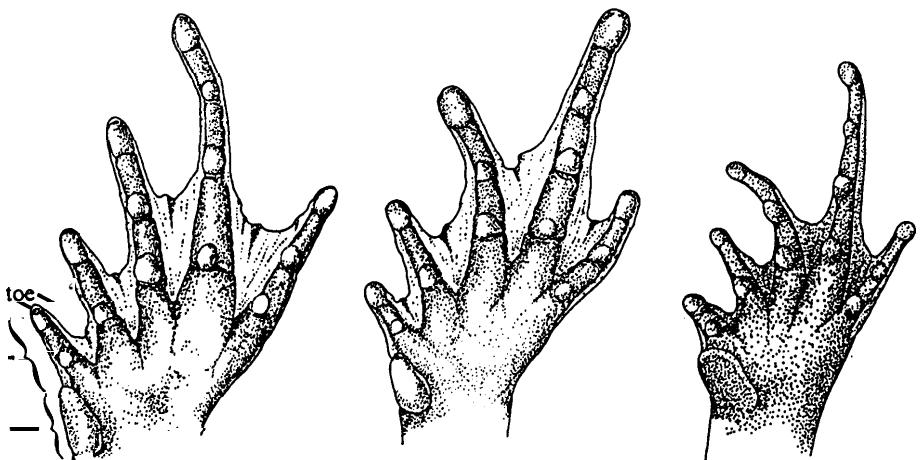


Figure 1
Dyscophus guineti

Figure 2
D. antongili
(CITES Appen. I)

Figure 3
D. insularis

GUIDE TO SPECIES IDENTIFICATION:

1. Total length of the metatarsal **tubercle** less than the distance between its tip and the tip of the inner toe (Figures 1 and 2, above); Total length 50-100mm 2
Total length of the metatarsal **tubercle** greater than distance between its tip and the tip of the inner toe (Figure 3, above); Total length 40-50 mm *D. insularis*
2. Lozenge- or diamond-shaped dark outline on the middle of the back, color magenta to greyish, vertical dark bar beneath the eye..... *D. guineti*
No lozenge- or diamond-shaped outline on the middle of the back, color magenta-red or olive-brown above..... *D. antongili*

FROM: Known only from Island of Madagascar.

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